(1) what all contracts were entered into with Mr. Koolappa Ravuthar by the Forest Department, and

(2) whether he has settled all his accounts and paid the amount?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) There is no contractor in the Department with the name referred to.

(2) No reply is necessary in view of the answer to (1).

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Is there not a contractor by the name of Sait Muhammed Ravuthar?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—He is generally called Koolappa Ravuthar. Then why do the Government say that there is no contractor with such a name?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Such a name is not found in the records.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—You admit that there is a contractor by the name of Koolappa Ravuthar.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—That name is not officially recognised in any of the contracts.

Overhauling of the Tramway.

122. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state what amount was spent for overhauling the Tramway and for purchase of new plant and machinery for the same during the years 1101, 1102 and 1103?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Vide statement, appended (*Appendix II*).

Renewal of Sleepers in the Tramway.

123. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Can the Government kindly give information (a) as to the average percentage of renewal of sleepers per year in the Shoranur-Cochin Railway and what is the average percentage of such renewal over the Tramway;

(b) whether the renewal of the sleepers over the Tramway is done by contractors or departmentally?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—

(a) (1) Government have no information.

(2) 152 sleepers per annum per mile.

(b) Renewal works are attended to departmentally by the Permanent Way Gangs without extra cost.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Did the Government make enquiries as to the percentage in the Cochin-Shoranur Railway?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I do not think.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—So no enquiry was made.

Sawing Department of the Tramway.

124. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government kindly state what was the out-turn from the sawing department of the Tramway workshop, per day on an average in 1102?

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